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SUBJ: QUEBEC ELECTION: BOURASSA ADDRESSES CANADIAN CLUB

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1. PREMIER ROBERT BOURASSA HAS HIS TURN TODAY AT CANADIAN CLUB ROSTRUM AND APPEARED BE PREACHING TO LARGELY ALREADY CONVERTED. MAJOR EMPHASIS EARLY IN SPEECH AND AGAIN, PARTICULARLY FORCEFULLY, AT END, WAS ON "MOST IMPORTANT DECISION FOR YOUR FUTURE AND THAT OF CANADA ON NOVEMBER 15." (APRES MOI, LE DELUGE). HE DID DISCUSS OTHER ISSUES SUCH AS LABOR PROBLEMS, BILL 22 AND ECONOMICS, AND TOOK A FEW SWIPES AT BIRON AND THE UNION NATIONALE, BUT DWELT AT GREATEST LENGTH ON SPECTRE OF SEPARATISM.

2. AUDIENCE WAS ATTENTIVE, CONCERNED, POLITE BUT NOT ESPECIALLY ENTHUSIASTIC. GENERAL TONE SEEMED TO BE ONE OF RESIGNED CONCLUSION THAT LIBERALS REALLY ARE "ONLY CHOICE," AT LEAST FOR MAJORITY ATTENDING. IT IS DOUBTFUL, HOWEVER, WHETHER MAJORITY OF THIS GROUP WOULD HAVE VOTED ANY OTHER WAY EVEN WITHOUT TODAY'S SALES TALK.
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